

Bringing Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime!

“The Story”

Involvement brochures

If you have not picked up an involvement brochure, please do so today at the Welcome Center.

Weekly Inspiration e-mails

Last week, we had more than 300 individuals sign up for a weekly inspiration e-mail. If you signed up, and did not receive one, check your junk mail or contact the office. If you would like to sign up, e-mail Diane Schmidt at diane@gloriadeionline.com.

Children and youth

The children and youth will be following “The Story” during their class times. To help prompt conversations, we will include a family discussion section in today’s weekly insert.

Books and books

Books are available in the Narthex this weekend or in the office next week.

Small Group Studies

Join a small group that meets Wednesday evenings from 6-7 p.m., or Sunday mornings from 9:15-10, 9:50-10:50 and 10:45-11:30 a.m.

Storytelling Workshop Sat. Sept. 29 at 8:30 a.m.

Join us for an interactive workshop that will unfold the power of stories. The cost is \$10, and includes continental breakfast. For more information, see today’s insert.



The Beginning

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Genesis 1:1-2

Chapter One: The Beginning of Life as We Know It

Today’s journey begins with God “in the beginning.” As you have read in “The Story,” Genesis is loaded with beautiful images, phenomenal events as well as devastating loss that shattered God’s creation. We certainly see God’s complex, yet loving qualities toward his creation, specifically for Adam and Eve. So, today, we will take a deeper look at God’s heart for his creation, which ultimately included all of us.

An artist depiction of “The Story”

Painting with his fingers, Israel Lopez transfers the images that he has just read from “The Story” onto a plate. These oil painting images are colorful, symbolic, beautiful, and will hold a special place for us as he will illustrate a chapter of “The Story” each week on a ceramic canvas—a 10.5 inch black plate.

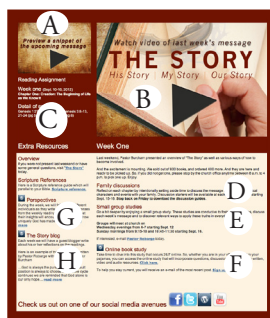
Israel, born and raised in Mazatlan, Mexico moved to Des Moines a year ago to continue his art—a family tradition that he learned from his father. Recently, he started attending Gloria Dei because of the warm welcome he received when he came to the church because he was curious about “this huge building” that he had seen on one of his walks. He now attends church with his wife and two children.

These plates, totaling 31, will be displayed in the Narthex each week. At the end of the series in April, the plates will be auctioned off and the proceeds will be given to a mission project.



Israel’s art is growing in popularity in Des Moines as he has been commissioned to paint a mural for Mercy Hospital. He will also have a booth at the Arts and Craft Show on Oct. 13.

Visit “The Story” on the web



As we travel together through “The Story,” we thought supplemental resources may enrich your experience. So, on our Web, we have all the resources on one page. To access the page, simply go to our Web site and click “The Story” logo.

Since some of this technology is new to most of us, please take some time to (patiently) peruse all the options. And if you find yourself about ready to throw your computer out the window, please don’t! Instead contact Pastor Robarge and he will walk you through how to access these resources.

- A. A snippet of the message (posted on the Wednesday prior to the message)
- B. This week’s message (posted on Sunday afternoon)
- C. The week’s scripture and reading assignment
- D. Family discussion guides
- E. Small group study announcements and resources
- F. Online Bible study post and links
- G. Perspective post and links
- H. Reflections post and links



My Stories | Our Stories

Look around you today. Every person you see has a story. And even though stories vary—some are victorious, some are inspiring, while others are rocked with difficulties and hardships—they all have one thing in common. The character in each story is passionately loved by the Creator of the universe.

And so, in the upcoming weeks, we will feature a story or two, to show all the dimensions of being human—the joys, the sorrows, the triumphs and the pain. We pray these stories will encourage you to realize that we are in this journey together, living in a fallen world, but ultimately loved by our Lord. So whatever spectrum of life your story falls into, remember that God is present to walk with you.

A story... the Schramms

Anticipation was high. After a ten-year journey including five years of infertility, an international adoption and the seemingly miraculous birth of a second child, we once again found ourselves in the obstetric's office. This time, against all odds, twins were expected. Fifteen weeks into the pregnancy, planning was in full swing with regard to upcoming sleeping arrangements, transportation and work schedules.



The Schramm Family

Then silence. The sonogram designed to deliver the sounds of two heartbeats delivered silence—and instant heartache. The path ahead appeared to have veered off into a dark chasm. Yet in that moment, though hidden behind our tears and pain, the light of the Holy Spirit flickered. In the days that followed, we asked ‘Why?’ Why did this happen? Why now? Why after all we had been through? Incredibly, we didn’t expect an answer. We knew we had already received it. The realization had set in. Asking each question in and of itself was proof this was out of our human ability to comprehend. We prayed, “Lord, take our ‘why?’ and replace it with ‘how?’ How do we move forward? How do we use this unimaginable experience to make us stronger and deliver your message of love to others?”

Needless to say, God has answered. Our sadness led us to explore Gloria Dei’s GriefShare class. It was a decision that ignited a fire unimaginable prior to our loss. In the years since, one of us bypassed a return to corporate America to pursue children’s ministry, which then opened the door to serving in music ministry at the church. Along the way, God used the difficult experience to reach out to others who have undergone miscarriages, a club that no one wants to join. For the other, going through GriefShare spurred a passion to lead it. That led to becoming a Stephen Minister and the opportunity to passionately help one individual at a time. As a couple, our loss motivated us to start a small group. Our small group became involved in local missions, which led us to become foster parents, ultimately leading to the adoption of our daughter and the birth of a son.

The journey continues. We recently found ourselves back in the same OB office, part of the Lord’s latest blessing, with baby number five on the way. However, as you may be know, there have been some challenges with this pregnancy as of late. So your continued prayers are much appreciated. We’re Kory and Penny Schramm. This is our story...this is God’s story.

A story...

This grandpa is a father to one of our Gloria Dei members.

We are thankful for God’s transformation in his life.

The closing prayer had ended my weekly Bible study, but my self-reflection had just begun. Conversations during the previous hour had centered around five simple letters, G-R-A-C-E. I now found myself immersed into every passage in which the word is written.

Book after book, chapter after chapter, I fed on the definition of grace. I was amazed that the Son of God had experienced the agony of a cross to give me such an unfathomable gift. He poured out his love for me and all he asked for in return—a promise to put my trust in him.

For a few decades of my life, trust was certainly not something that would have been uttered when referencing my name. Behind the curtain was a history that included drug use, infidelity, anger issues, multiple marriages and a wandering soul. I had children, but I wouldn’t say I was a father.

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Lots of work happening around here

If you look around, you can see all the wonderful progress occurring each day. Here is a summary of the work being done:

Center Wing: You may want to journey down the hall to the center wing. Painting of the exterior walls of the center wing has been completed along with adjacent walls in the hallways. The application of new vinyl on the moveable walls is nearly completed and the carpet is finished.

Masonry Project: Brick laying has started on the east and north sides of the FLC. Scaffoldings has been built on the west and south sides and the EIFS is being removed on the west side in preparation for the masons to start there.

The Flat Membrane roof (EPDM) is scheduled to begin on Sept. 17.

Other Projects: The replacement of the windows in the office wing has been completed and the north entrance has been painted. The replacement of the clouded windows behind the stained glass is scheduled for early October.

A story continued *(from page two)*

I'm an example that faith truly begins with a seed. For me, the seed had been there since childhood, though buried deep. While I stood in the shadows, the Lord was starting with the roots. And like a growing tree, I slowly began to bud. At first it was being on the receiving end of a good deed. Then it was the Christmas card, followed by an invitation to church. Before I knew it, Christ was at the forefront of my life. Church, Bible studies, work, fishing trips—soon everywhere I was, so was the Word.

Today I'm not only involved in my children's lives, I'm an active grandfather eager to share—eager to share the immeasurable message of grace. Doctors told me 20 years ago that my life of sin and addiction would take my life in the next five years, yet today I still live. I live with the desire to share Jesus with everyone. This is my story...this is God's story.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

5:30 p.m. (FLC)

Rev. Ron Burcham

8 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Tim Phillips

9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Tim Phillips

10 a.m. (FLC)

Rev. Phil Robarge

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organ

Kathy Brammeier

Acolytes:

8 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Amy Hoellein

9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Noah Hoffman

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Ben Onsrud

Scripture verses:

Genesis 1:27-2:2 and
Genesis 3:8-13, 21-24;
6:5-8 (NIV)

Hospitality Teams

5:30 p.m.(FLC)

Team Three

8 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Team Three

9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Team Five

10 a.m. (FLC)

TBD

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Team Three

Let's pray!

Prayer requests can be made on the back of the "Welcome" card located in the pews. Please indicate your prayer request and place the card in the offering plate. We have both e-mail and phone prayer chains available. Call Pastor Phillips in the church office, 276-1700, or Diane Young between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 993-3870 with your request.

Thanksgivings

- Our families
- Our ministry partners
- All of our construction projects

For the health of

- Stan Knapp
- Greg Fitzgerald
- Charleen Hilterbrand
- Craig and Cindi Dawson's infant son, Max
- Carol Petersen, Peg Petersen-Riddle's sister
- Steve Crouthamel
- Mary Kuefner
- Vicki Giesselmann
- Christine Watson
- Kory and Penny Schramm and their unborn child

And for:

- Our military
- Our nation and world

Prayer ministry

To join the prayer team, e-mail Pastor Phillips at: tphillips@gloriadeionline.com with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

Scrapbook Fellowship

The scrapbook fellowship will be selling its unused/leftover scrapbooking supplies at this year's Arts and Craft Show. If you have any unwanted scrapbooking supplies (paper, stickers, tools, etc.) to donate to the sale, please contact Deb Kesse at 778-2219 or Jenny Lappin at 314-1116 for more information. All the proceeds will be donated to charity.

LWML

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. at the home of Peg Riddle, 1661 NW 96th St., Clive.

Discovery Class New Member

Thursdays, Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11 and Sunday, Oct. 14

This class is for those who desire to join Gloria Dei, whether new to the Lutheran faith or transferring from another Lutheran church. We will revisit the basics of our beliefs and be encouraged to grow in our faith in God and service to others. Please register for this class. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Robarge at probarge@gloriadeionline.com.

Hedge apples

This might be an unusual request, but nonetheless, the Garden Club needs hedge apples for their outdoor displays. If you have a hedge apple tree, and want to donate this bright green fruit to a worthy cause, please bring them into the office this week (minus the bugs, of course).

20th Annual Arts and Craft Show



Join us for the 20th Annual Arts and Craft Show on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feel free to tell your friends and neighbors about the upcoming show.

Baked goods: There's nothing like the cool, crisp days of autumn to prompt a bit of baking. So, pull out your favorite recipes. We'll start wrapping on Friday, Oct. 12 from 6-9 p.m. We will gladly accept donations up until noon on Saturday. If you can bake, help wrap or staff the bake sale table on Saturday, there's a sign-up sheet and labels in the Narthex. Please write on the label if your recipes includes nuts, or if it is gluten free or anything else a buyer needs to know.

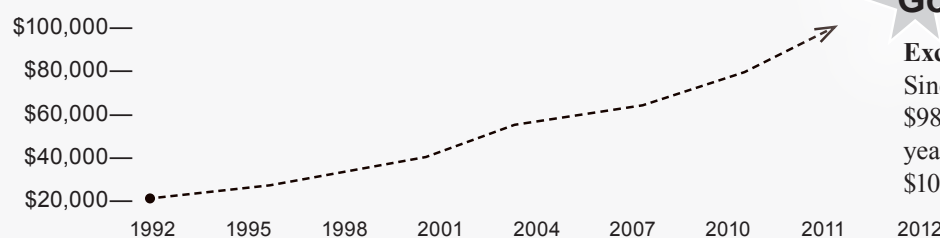
Bakery helpers needed during the show. Friendly people are needed to help sell the baked goods on Saturday. Please sign up in the Narthex if you can spare an hour or two any time during the day. It's a lot of fun – no experience needed!

Café: Enjoy cinnamon rolls, pie slices, beefburgers, hotdogs and much more at the café located next to the kitchen.

Clean-up helpers needed after the show. Got muscle? Like to clean? We need help cleaning up Saturday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. If you want to help, call Meri Mohr at 327-1821.

Proceeds help Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Hope Ministries, Joppa Outreach and Gloria Dei's Youth Ministry.

History of money raised by Arts & Craft Show



Goal- \$100,000!

Exciting News:

Since 1992, LWML has earned \$98,479 for missions! This year's goal is to surpass the \$100,000 mark.

Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

Junior High (grades 6-8)

Castaway - Castaway is on Sundays from 9:50-10:30 a.m. and 11:20-noon in the Youth Center.

Small groups - Wednesdays from 6:45-8 p.m. Students in grades 6-8 meet in small groups discussing various topics.

Acolytes - Sign up on the bulletin board today.

Café 923 - Friday, Sept. 28 from 6-9 p.m. This is a unique evening for junior high youth to hang out with each other, play games and have fun.

Senior High Ministry (grades 9-12)

Senior High Bible study

Join us Sundays 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. as we discuss the weekend sermon topic and relate it to life as a teenager.

The Point

Join us on Wednesdays from 6:45 to 8 p.m. for a multi-sensory, active learning time in the Youth Center.

Senior High Youth Gathering

November 16-18 The \$50 deposit is due by Sept. 26, the total cost is \$180. For information, go to the youth bulletin board.

Grace Place and Faith Alive rocks



Joyce and Dennis Trollope served ice cream and treats at midweek meal and Lauren and Kathryn Schultz enjoyed it all!

Last week launched our fall kick-off with a new schedule, new location and new carpeting with the hopes of making new friends. So, join the momentum this week.

Grace Place

Saturday at 5:50 p.m., Sunday at 8:20, 9:50, 10:20 and 11:20 a.m. Children will learn about chapter one of "The Story" through teachings, games, and arts and crafts.

Registration: If you have not registered your child on our KidCheck program, go to the Children's Ministry registration booth. Children must have a name tag to attend Grace Place and Faith Alive.

Faith Alive

Midweek meal from 5-6:15 p.m. Faith Alive from 6-7 p.m. Children ages 3 through grade 5 are invited to an educational time that is designed to help them grow in faith.

Faith Alive Meal

Wednesday, Sept. 19 from 5-6:15 p.m.

Tacos and Enchiladas

Enjoy a meal with the entire family of Gloria Dei in the Family Life Center on Wednesday evenings during the school year. The cost is \$5 per adult, and \$2.50 per child, children 2 and under eat free.

Mother Daughter Walk

Sunday, Oct. 7 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Join us in the fight against breast cancer as we walk and talk together and then hear inspirational speakers as we enjoy tea and fellowship. All proceeds will be given to the American Cancer Society.

Cost is \$40 per mother/daughter team of two and \$15 for each additional team member.

Register and pay online at gloriadeionline.com.

Week of September 15-22, 2012

Saturday, September 15

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 2
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, September 16

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 8:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:15 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:30 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:50 a.m. Castaway
- 9:50 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Chuck Corell)
- 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 10:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:45 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion
- 11:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:20 a.m. Castaway
- 2:00 p.m. Chapel at Emeritus
- 6:00 p.m. Girlz of Faith

Monday, September 17

- 9:30 a.m. Moms' Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

Tuesday, September 18

- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Sr. Adult Ministry MAT Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Premarriage Class
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

Wednesday, September 19

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Faith Alive Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. "The Story" Adult Study
- 6:15 p.m. Third Grade Bible Highlighting
- 6:15 p.m. Love and Respect Study
- 6:45 p.m. Junior High Small Group
- 6:45 p.m. Senior High - The Point
- 7:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 2 (off-site)

Thursday, September 20

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitches
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery New Member Class
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare

Friday, September 21

No scheduled events

Saturday, September 22

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 2
- 8:30 a.m. Small Group Meeting and Breakfast
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Thank you

Thank you for allowing our friend and brother in Christ, Christian Santiago to come and speak at Gloria Dei. He is doing great things for God in the Dominican Republic. Thanks, Project 52.

Worship (Sept. 8-9)	Attendance	Communion
5:30 p.m. (FLC)	158	92
8 a.m. (Sanctuary)	161	
9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	429	
10 a.m (FLC)	96	65
11 a.m. (Sanctuary)	220	
Total	1,064	157

Outpouring of Love (Sept. 8-15)	
General Fund Offerings	\$30,932
First QTD Offering	\$282,362
First QTD Budget	\$312,000

Week of September 22-29, 2012

Saturday, September 22

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 2
- 8:30 a.m. Small Group Meeting and Breakfast
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, September 23

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 8:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:15 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:50 a.m. Castaway
- 9:50 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Chuck Corell)
- 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 10:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:45 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- 11:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:20 a.m. Castaway
- 6:00 p.m. Boyz of Faith

Monday, September 24

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Thrivent dinner

Sunday, Oct. 7 at 5 p.m. You are invited to attend the 2012 Annual Chapter Meeting of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and to celebrate the consolidation of the two Polk County Chapters. You will enjoy a roasted turkey dinner and local entertainment and gifts. The meeting will be held at the Airport Holiday Inn, 6111 Fluor Dr., Des Moines. Reservations are required by Sept. 24. RSVP at 537-9964 or TwoRiversChapter@yahoo.com.

Tuesday, September 25

- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Premarriage Class
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

Wednesday, September 26

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Faith Alive Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. "The Story" Adult Study
- 6:15 p.m. Third Grade Bible Highlighting
- 6:15 p.m. Love and Respect Study
- 6:45 p.m. Junior High Small Group
- 6:45 p.m. Senior High - The Point
- 7:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 2 (off-site)

Thursday, September 27

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitches
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery New Member Class
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare

Friday, September 28

- 6:00 p.m. Café 923

Saturday, September 29

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 2
- 8:30 a.m. The Storytelling
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Walk for cancer research

Please join us for a Race for Research walk/run in memory of Eli Horn at DMACC on Sunday, Sept. 30. This fun walk/run starts at 2 p.m. around DMACC's picturesque 1.89 mile trail. Proceeds will go toward funding childhood cancer research. Strollers and dogs are also welcome! For more information, go to <http://boprace.blogspot.com>.

Children's Attendance	Saturday 5:50 p.m.	Sunday 8:20 a.m.	Sunday 9:50 a.m.	Sunday 10:20 a.m.	Sunday 11:20 a.m.	Wednes. 6 p.m.
Preschool	5	7	19	8	10	25
Elementary	19	0	60	21	25	85
Total Children	24	7	79	29	35	110

Welcome to Gloria Dei! We are glad you are here!

We encourage families to worship together before children (ages 3-grade 5) are invited to Grace Place on Saturday evenings at 5:50; Sunday mornings at 8:20, 9:50, 10:20 and 11:20. Junior high youth (grades 6-8) are invited to Castaway at 9:50 and 11:20 a.m.

5:30 p.m. Saturday | Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center

This contemporary service offers a unique come-as-you-are worship experience on Saturday evening. A gathering of celebration will be led by our worship team and band in the Family Life Center, inviting worshippers to lift anthems to our God. There will be time for intimacy with God, reflection on his promises and the opportunity to grow as his Word is declared.

8:00 a.m. Sunday | Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

This worship service is based on traditional hymns and liturgy. The music is organ led with offerings of special music, offertories and communion hymns led by the piano. Our special music groups and choirs perform on a regular basis.

9:30 a.m. Sunday | Traditional Blend Worship in the Sanctuary

This service offers a blend of instruments, from piano and organ to brass and percussion. Large group choirs as well as small group vocal and instrumental ensembles offer special music. The liturgy is specifically designed to enhance the life of the believer, by supporting the current study of God's Word at Gloria Dei.

10:00 a.m. Sunday | Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center

This high-energy service offers a casual setting for those who enjoy a come-as-you-are contemporary environment. A gathering of celebration will be led by our worship team and band in the Family Life Center, inviting worshippers to lift anthems to our God. There will be time for intimacy with God, reflection on his promises and the opportunity to grow as his Word is declared via this video venue.

11:00 a.m. Sunday | Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

This contemporary service has a unique style of its own as we combine the present day sounds of contemporary music with a worship band in the awe inspiring setting of the Sanctuary. This service includes uplifting songs of celebration as people gather together responding to our God.

Other important items

Nursery: Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level with access through the doors in the Narthex. The nursery is staffed during all worship services for children ages 3 and under at no cost to the parent.

Cry room: Located in the southwest corner of the Narthex is a room with a full view of the Sanctuary for parents to take their small children.

Weekly Bible reading - Genesis 6:5-8 (NIV)

The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. So the Lord said, "I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them." But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

Educational times

Children (ages 2- grade 5)

Grace Place

Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.
Sundays at 8:20, 9:50,
10:20 & 11:20 a.m.

Faith Alive

Wednesdays at 6 p.m.
Join us on Sept. 19.

Youth (grades 6-12)

Times vary, check page 5.

Adults

Times vary, check pages 6-7.

Communion

Communion is offered on the first and third Sundays of each month during the services in the Sanctuary and the second and fourth Saturdays and Sundays during the services in the Family Life Center.

A note to our guests and visitors: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Gloria Dei in the belief and with the confession that this Sacrament is the very body and blood of Christ (The Doctrine of the Real Presence) which is received with the bread and the wine for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our faith. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and seek to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you agree with our beliefs regarding the nature and meaning of this Sacrament and desire to commune with us, you are welcome! For the medical and/or physical needs of members or visitors, non-alcoholic wine will be in the inner circle of each communion tray and will be lighter in color than the regular wine. In addition, gluten-free wafers are available, please alert the elders before the service if possible.